

Want to Learn About Innovative Equipment Designed for People Who Use Wheelchairs? Need the Use of a Portable Ramp on a Temporary Basis?

A new Free Service Is Available.

The South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Association recently purchased a number of pieces of equipment, funded by a Quality of Life Grant from The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation. This equipment will be available for individuals in South Carolina with spinal cord injuries to borrow at no cost.

In addition to the ramps filling a temporary need, this service gives people a chance to try out different assistive technology options before making the decision to purchase, or in some cases, the decision not to purchase. All the equipment will be housed at and loaned out through South Carolina Assistive Technology Program in Columbia, who is partnering with the association on this service.

To borrow a piece of equipment, contact the South Carolina Assistive Technology Program at 803-935-5337 or Toll-Free at 800-915-4522 to receive the necessary paperwork to request an equipment loan.

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Sand Rider Custom beach Wheelchair



The Sand Rider off-road custom beach wheelchair is engineered from the ground up to be light and durable and easy to push even in deep sand. The chair can also be used on gravel, trails, grassy fields, swampy areas or snow. It can be disassembled for transport and storage and can even fit in a small car trunk.

The Sand Rider Custom beach Wheelchair is available for FREE for a weekend or one-week loan through the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Association and the South Carolina Assistive Technology Program.

Grip Lap board



The GRIP Lap Board is a unique non-slip device. A stable platform with non-slip material on both sides, the Lap Board is ideal for transporting items such as hot foods, drinks, electronics, school and work materials, and many other items used while performing daily activities.

Unlike other materials on the market, GRIP is a not a tacky surface. So the Lap Board will fit comfortably on an individual's lap or can easily be carried by hand all while keeping items securely in place.

The grip Lap board is available for FREE for a two-week loan through the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Association and the South Carolina Assistive Technology Program.

Commute2 hands-free Dialing & Texting Kit



Make and receive phone calls without the need to touch a phone using the BlueAnt COMMUTE2 kit. Just say "Launch Voice Control" and let the COMMUTE2 do the rest.

While advertised for use in car, this can also be an invaluable piece of equipment for a quadriplegic to use at home, especially when in bed without a caregiver present.

The CommuTE2 is available for FREE for a two-week loan through the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Association and the South Carolina Assistive Technology Program.

FreeWheel Wheelchair Attachment



The FreeWheel wheelchair attachment lifts wheelchair casters off the ground, turning a manual chair into a three-wheeler that can roll over any obstacle: curbs, dirt trails, grass, gravel, snow, and sand. The FreeWheel will work with a rigid frame or folding wheelchair.

The FreeWheel will be on display at the South Carolina Assistive Technology Program in Columbia. Because of varied installation requirements of particular wheelchairs, it is not available for loan.

The Para Ladder™ Manual Lift



The Para Ladder is a manual lift that enables wheelchair users to safely achieve a floor transfer unassisted. The lightweight aluminum frame is weather resistant and has up to a 300-pound capacity.

The Para Ladder is available for FREE for a two-week loan through the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Association and the South Carolina Assistive Technology Program.

Suitcase Portable Wheelchair Ramps



These aluminum portable ramps can be used on steps, patios, minivans, and more. They are 30 inches wide, compatible with almost any standard wheelchair, scooter or walker and support up to 800 pounds. The ramps are available in 4-foot and 6-foot lengths.

The ramps are available for FREE through a loan for up to one month.

Power Buddy USB Charger and Wheelchair Light



The Power Buddy provides safe, secure charging of most portable electronic devices such as cellphones, smartphones, MP3 players, GPS, and tablets. The Power Buddy installs in seconds connecting to the charging port on power wheelchairs and scooters. The Power Buddy also doubles as a headlight. The focused beam minimizes disturbance of others by allowing users to point the beam exactly where they want it to go. **NOTE:** Because iPad chargers are 5.1 volts and 2.1 amps and the output of the Power Buddy is 5 volts and 1 amp, this device is not recommended for iPads. It will work with iPhones using an adapter that comes with the Power Buddy.

PowerBuddies are available for FREE for a two-week loan through the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Association and the South Carolina Assistive Technology Program.

FLEXRim Wheelchair Wheels



The Spinerger FLEXRIM is a low impact pushrim that helps reduce the risk of overuse injuries and makes it easier to push a manual wheelchair. It allows the user to push without ever touching the tire. Because it takes less energy to push, the user can go further without getting fatigued. The ultralight and extremely strong material allows the pushrim to flex in and give the wheelchair user an extra inch or so when squeezing into very tight doorways. The FLEXRIM is available in 24 inch and 25 inch.

FLEXRimS are available for FREE through a two-week loan through the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Association and the South Carolina Assistive Technology Program.

Interesting in purchasing an item after borrowing it? The following organizations are possible funding options for equipment purchases:

Travis Roy Foundation

www.travisroyfoundation.org

Grants awarded on a quarterly basis.

- ONLY individuals with spinal cord injury due to an accident
- Require three price estimates

Friends of Man

www.friendsofman.org

- An organization that helps individuals and families in need of assistance.
- A referring agency has to do the application. Contact the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Association.

For FreeWheel Purchase If Planning to Use as a Racing Chair:

Challenged Athletes Foundation

www.challengedathletes.org

Grants awarded on an annual basis. Next application process opens on September 1, 2015.